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INFO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: PORTUGUESE APPROACH ON TIMOR QUESTION IN SC

1. PORTUGUESE PERMREP GALVAO TELES APPROACHED AMBASSADOR BENNETT AFTERNOON DECEMBER 16 TO ASK OUR ASSISTANCE ON TIMOR QUESTION IN SC. GALVAO TELES SAID PORTUGAL WOULD LIKE TO SEE COUNCIL ADOPT RESOLUTION SIMILAR TO NO. 3485 ADOPTED BY GA. GALVAO TELES, PERHAPS UNDERSTANDABLY IN VIEW OF HIS RECENT ARRIVAL ON UN SCENE, DID NOT SEEM TO HAVE MUCH IDEA OF HOW TO MOVE THINGS TOWARD SUCH A RESOLUTION. BENNETT CONFINED HIS REPLY TO STATING THAT WE HAD LISTENED WITH INTEREST TO DEBATE AND WOULD BE INVOLVED IN FUTURE CONSULTATIONS WITH RESPECT TO WORKING OUT A RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD MEET THE VARIOUS INTERESTS INVOLVED AND BE CAPABLE OF ADOPTION BY THE COUNCIL. HE SAID WE WERE, OF COURSE, GLAD TO HAVE PORTUGUESE VIEWS AND PROMISED TO INFORM DEPARTMENT WITHOUT DELAY.

2. GALVAO TELES THEN RAISED PROBLEM OF 23 PORTUGUESE SOLDIERS TAKEN PRISONER IN TIMOR. HE STRESSED WHAT A PAINFUL PROBLEM THIS WAS FOR LISBON AND ASKED THAT U.S. DO WHAT IT COULD TO OBTAIN THEIR RELEASE. HE MENTIONED THAT
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FOREIGN OFFICE HAD ALREADY TAKEN UP MATTER WITH AMBASSADOR

CARLUCCI, BENNETT SAID WE WERE ALREADY AWARE OF THE
PROBLEM AND HE WAS SURE WE WERE DOING WHAT WE COULD TO BE
HELPFUL.
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